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PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS STUDY
ALBION HEAD BETWEEN DARK GULCH AND ALBION
MENDOCINO COUNTY

Dear Coastal Visitor or Resident:

The State of California is investigating uses made of the trail/road system, bluff and beach areas on Albion Head in Mendocino County. The investigation is for the purpose of determining whether any public rights exist on the parcels by reason of past public use. The area is seaward of Highway 1. The parcels are between Dark Gulch Creek mouth to the north and Albion Cove to the south, just north of the town of Albion. Trails and roads cross the headland.

Attached is a Questionnaire and a Fact Sheet briefly describing the framework and purpose of a Prescriptive Rights Study. Exhibit 1, attached to the Questionnaire, shows the regional location of the parcels; Exhibit 2 shows an enlarged view of the site. If you have any knowledge about public use of this area, please take a few moments to fill out, sign and return the enclosed Questionnaire and Declaration. A return-addressed envelope is provided for your convenience. See <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/access/prc-access.html> for colored graphics of the site. If you are downloading this electronically, please sign and mail the original to the undersigned at the above address.

We recognize that the Questionnaire, with its accompanying maps, may appear somewhat complicated. However, furnishing the requested information is critical to the determination of whether there has been sufficient use of the area to establish public rights of use.

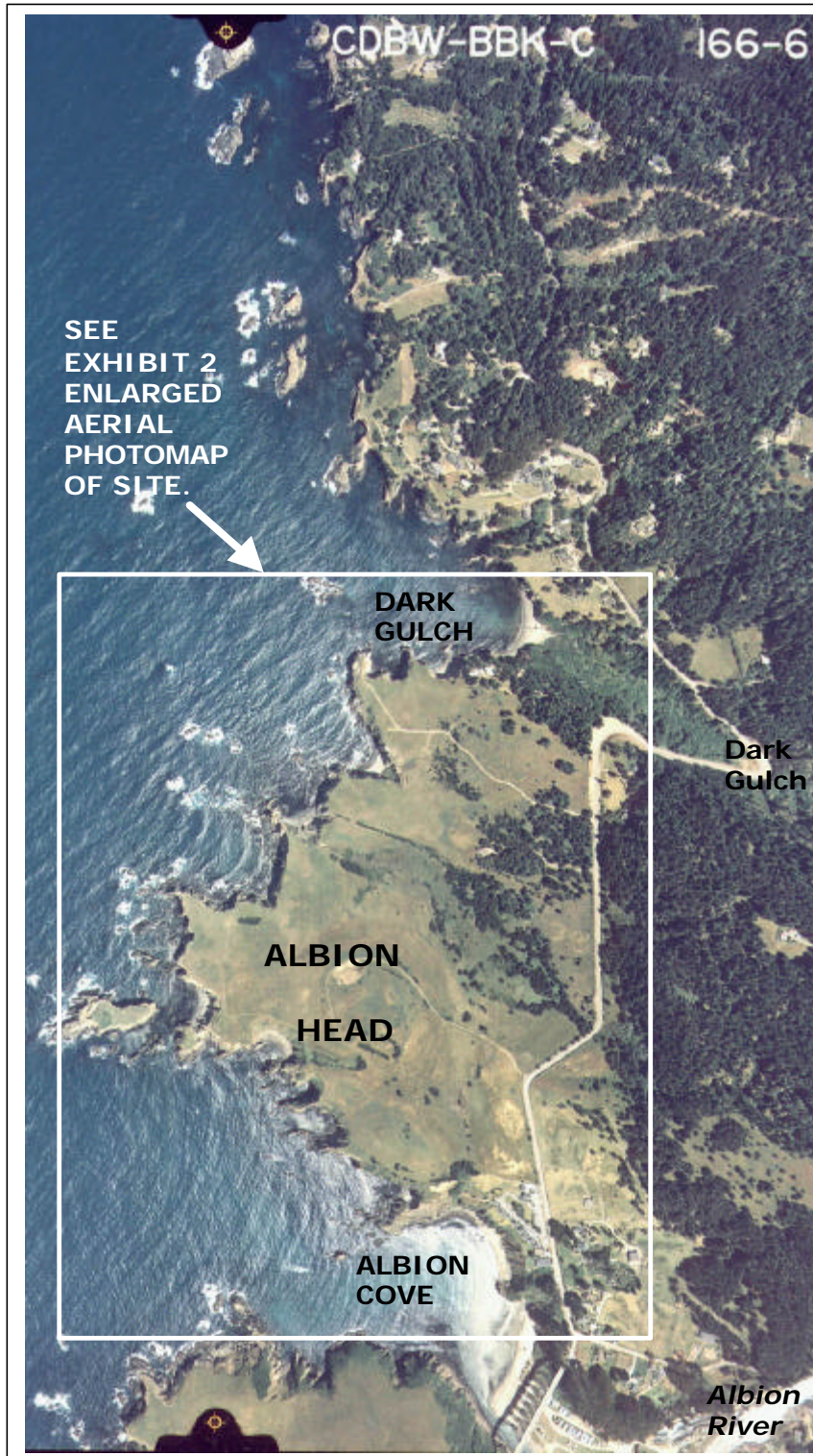
Direct any questions or additional comments to Joy Chase at 831-427-4865 or email jchase@coastal.ca.gov. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this study.

Very truly yours,

Joy Chase
Coastal Access Analyst

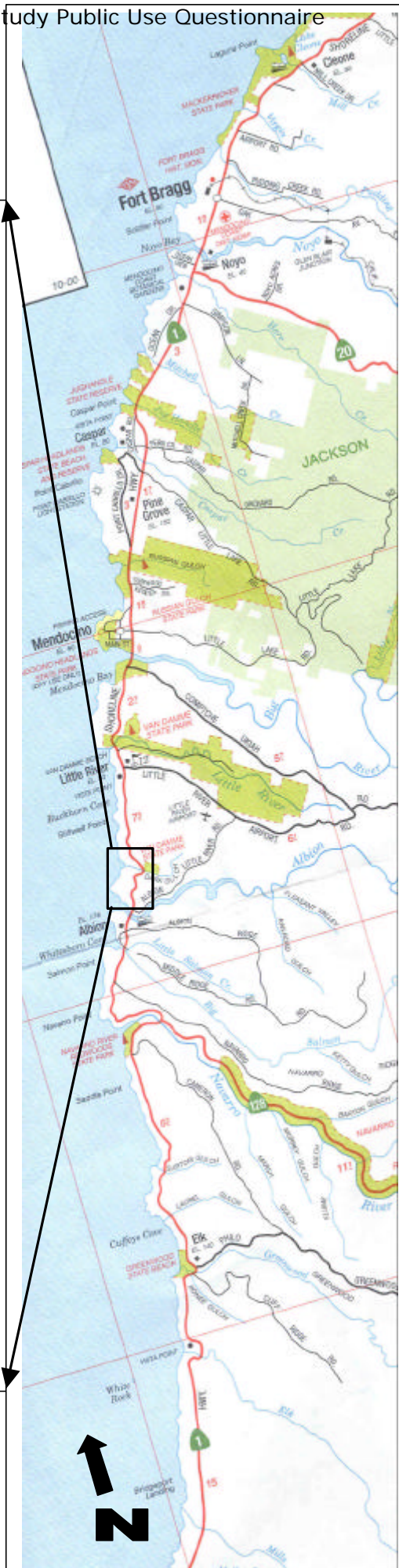
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ALBION HEAD
MENDOCINO COUNTY
REGIONAL LOCATION MAP
EXHIBIT 1



Source: CDBW Aerial Photo 166-6 6/93

*Please mark your areas of use on
Exhibit 2 on the following page.*





Have you personally and openly used any of the bluff and beach area seaward of Highway 1 shown in this exhibit? For orientation, some roads or trails identified by aerial photo or reported by on-site users are shown in their approximate locations by the dashed line. You may have used other areas. Include all access routes and parking locations. Try to pinpoint the locations and indicate the dates and types of use (scuba diving, free diving, surfing, sunning, swimming, hiking, picnicking, camping, viewing, etc.) Please sign and date.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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PUBLIC USE QUESTIONNAIRE AND DECLARATION
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The State of California is investigating uses made of Albion Head between Dark Gulch and Albion Cove just north of the town of Albion in Mendocino County for the purpose of determining whether any public rights exist therein by reason of public use. Your answers to this Questionnaire and Declaration will be appreciated.

Name (Print) _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Office): _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Age: _____

1. Have you personally and openly used any of the area shown on the attached photograph, map or diagram, Exhibit 2? ____ If so, between what dates? _____
2. Please mark the areas of your use on the enclosed photograph, map or diagram (Exhibit 2) and date and sign the same. In marking the photograph, map or diagram, please try to pinpoint the locations and indicate the types of use and approximate dates.
3. Please describe the uses you have made of this area (for example: surfing, whale watching, boating, fishing, swimming, hiking, picnicking, parking, scuba diving, access to water or beach, etc.)

4. Approximately how many times have you used this area? _____

5. Did you ever ask for and receive permission to use the area? _____

6. Did anyone ever interfere in any way with your use? _____

7. Have you observed others using this area? _____

If so, for what purposes? _____

I have seen other member(s) of the general public:

Whenever I was there: _____ Frequently: _____

Occasionally: _____ Rarely: _____ Never: _____

On these occasions, usually there were approximately _____ people present on any one occasion (indicate number or range.)

8. Do you know the names of the other people who have used this area? If so, please list them with their addresses and telephone numbers, if known.

9. Do you possess or know of the existence and/or whereabouts of items such as photographs, logs, diaries, notebooks, letters, etc. relating to your use of the area or the uses of other people? Is so, please describe the items and list the name of parties or locations where such items can be found.

10. Did you make use of this area as you would public property? _____ If so, please explain: _____

11. Have you ever observed any no trespassing signs or equivalent signs, or signs giving permission to utilize the property? _____ If so, when and where?

12. Have you ever lived or worked in this vicinity? _____ If so, when and where?

If you have additional information or comments you believe are relevant to this investigation, please submit them with this questionnaire.

I declare under penalty of perjury that any answers to the foregoing Questionnaire and Declaration are true and correct to the best of my recollection.

Dated at: _____ on _____
City and State Date

Signature: _____

The information contained in this questionnaire is subject to public disclosure and will not be kept confidential unless requested by the signatory in writing.
